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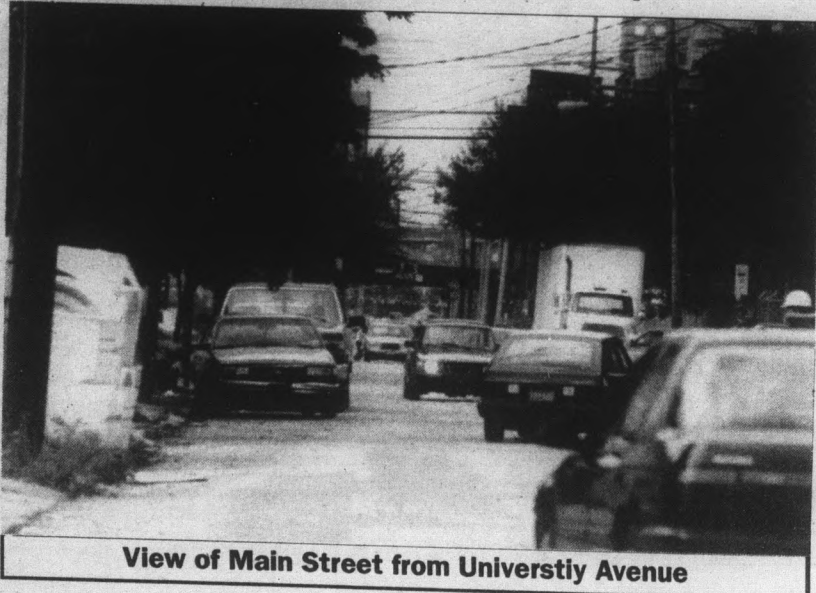
by Justin Harding

"It's too dangerous! You wouldn't get me to go out into the neighborhood to do volunteer service. I might get shot," remarked a UB student not long ago. Unfortunately this is the mentality of the majority of students on campus. And with the Connecticut Post's Friday headline, "3 men murdered in 3 hours," it is validated. One of those deaths was the result of a drug deal gone awry leaving a young man dead in front of Bodine Hall last week. Three months previously, a shooting of a burglar in Prof. van der Giessen's home took place.

Security is a major issue for many students at UB that prevents them from blending into the neighborhood. The

1994-95 Student Congress wrestled with this issue, as the Administration answered student's concerns with a new technolo-

Director of Campus Security states, "We have the safest 19-block area in Bridgeport."



View of Main Street from University Avenue

Security is a major issue for students at UB and prevents them from blending into the neighborhood.

gy, the PAD or "beeper". The next step was implementing an effective response team of Security Officers on bikes and purchasing a new vehicle. James Mooney,

In a recent seminar to develop Bridgeport's neighborhood communities, Police Chief Sweeney clarified why people are afraid to go out in any community. "At first, there needs to be a zone of safe-

ty. On the east side several years ago the crime was so bad that even if you had a community meeting only a few people would venture out to attend."

The New York Times printed an article citing Yale and the surrounding New Haven inner city as a prime example of "failing to use University resources to improve the living conditions of the community in crisis." In fact, only a "token of funds were used as a social experiment." Yet the Times article concludes that "for economic prosperity to return to New Haven's once vibrant neighborhoods, the university and community have to melt and not erect barriers." This exactly resonates what James Garland,

Director of Administration in the Finance Division feels. He said, "In order to get the University back on its

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Enrollment Increased by 15%

by Nickolai Krlev

A promising trend marked the beginning of the new academic year at UB. This Fall semester there were 300 more students who registered compared to last year, which is a 15.3% increase.

There are 561 newcomers, 116 of which are international, coming from 23 different countries. The new domestic students represent 13 states, but the majority comes from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

"The academic quality of the students have improved steadily over the last several years," says Suzanne Dale Wilcox, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Admissions is working hard to find as many possible ways for attracting prospective students. They have 32,000 names, 7,000 of them have directly expressed an interest in studying at UB. They are all being sent up-to-date information about the University.

Four Undergraduate Open Houses have been planned for 1996-97. A Sunday, two holidays, and a weekday have been chosen for bringing young people and their parents to campus. The first Open House is on Sunday, September 29.

Five Admissions counselors visit various high schools regularly and attend college fairs, searching for new

students.

UB also relies on advertising. New ads now run both in the press and on the radio.

Students choose UB for four reasons, according to Dean Wilcox: the academic program, the quality of the professors, the diverse student body, and the location—between New York and Boston. Besides, UB is in Fairfield County, where the offices of many big companies are.

UB has always recruited good

international students here. The first I-20 form was issued in 1947. Now, Admissions officers travel around the world to search for qualified young people.

"I'm very happy when I see how delighted the professors are with some international students," admits Dean Wilcox. "The contact with the students is what makes my job so interesting," she adds.



Dean Susan Wilcox

computers@ub.sux

by Ayako Kurata

There are a lot of problems in UB, and one of the biggest ones is the computers problem. Many frustrated students have been complaining about this issue for a long time. They really want to be able to use computers with internet access whenever needed. Some claim that there are not enough computers for such a large student body. Others say that when some computers get broken, nobody will fix them soon enough. Another complaint is that there are many students in the Sun lab, whose majors are not Computer Science or Computer Engineering, who are just using the computers for e-mail.

Students who want to use the

Internet, are supposed to go to a lab in Dana Hall, but there simply aren't enough computers which can access the Internet. And the computers on the fifth floor of the library are simply too archaic to be able to access the Internet. A new computer lab was opened in Breul Hall which could be used to access the Internet and the computers of the Technology lab can be used for e-mail.

It is difficult for students who live on as well as off campus, to get into UB net during the day because that there are only five lines with which to access the internet. There is also no time limit when getting on line at UB, whereas other university enforce a time limit for students which makes it easier for others to get lines. It would

be a really good system to provide equal service to each student as done at other universities.

In the end of last semester, UB put up a wire to connect Bodine Hall to Dana Hall officially. Now there are two sockets in each room which enable students to access Dana Hall. (How to get hooked up to the Internet was explained in the last issue of the Scribe.) The first thing you should do is to contact Mr. Anand Katragadda, Director of Academic computing, and get an Internet Protocol Number (IP number).

However, he is too busy to talk to you because he is the only person who is responsible for all computers in UB. Therefore, you'd better send him your name, room number, and some basic info about your computer by e-mail. If

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UB'lympics Coming Up on October 5

Student Congress and People's Bank are most likely to sponsor the games

by Jorge Benitez

It was about a year ago that the UB'lympics first took place at UB. UB'lympics had been the dream that

Franck Ajisegbe had since the first time he came to UB "I thought about an event that would attract all UB students." At first, it was an event that encompassed the four dorms, but last year, since only two dorms were open, UB'lympics became an affair among nations.

At its inauguration in 1995, UB'lympics proved to be a very popular affair. The contests this year will include

two new games; arm wrestling, and the obstacle course which will be in addition to the other games such as volleyball, the three legged race, the sack race, tug-of-war, blind fold har-



Last Years Winners Rejoice



Bulgaria and Korea in Action

vest, etc. Franck Ajisegbe, Student Congress President, is trying to find sponsors for the games this year that "will take place on October 5," he says. Student Congress and People's Bank are the most likely to become sponsors for the

coming games. "If everything goes well, People's Bank is going to subsidize the T-shirts that the contestants will wear," Frank said.

Already nine countries have signed up for the UB'lympics this year. It is expected to attract more students than last year since the student population has increased. So, let's have fun and enjoy the games. **S**

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feet we need to clean-up the South End."

Community residents for the most part have not been impacted by the economic revival of UB. Bassick High School students didn't even know about the University's economic breakdown or revival referring to it as "That school down by Sea Side Park."

A demented resident, a sad reflection of the racial tensions in-between neighborhoods in Bridgeport, referred to the South End as "nigger town." The local businesses on Park Ave., with the exception of Famous Pizza, haven't felt a surge in business either. The same breakdown that occurred with Yale and the neighborhood in New Haven has happened here between the South End and the University of Bridgeport.

However, as this is the "Year of the Volunteer" at UB, many students have organized volunteer efforts. Perhaps, most notable is the Neighborhood Cleaning Association, started by two international students, Isao Kudo and Kengo Ueda. They have been cleaning the campus every other Friday morning for over a year and have now contacted City Officials to set-up cleaning projects on the streets surrounding UB. "We want to include more students from UB," said Isao, the President of the NCA. They have overcome the fear factors and are the first large scale student volunteer effort, over 40 students strong, who will be taking their brooms, dustpans, and trash bags, building a bridge between the community and the university.

"Once there is a safety zone, there's not much more the Police Department can do. All it takes is one or two committed people to get things started," remarked Chief Sweeney at last Saturday's seminar.

In a memo to Dean Merritt and Student Congress President Ajisegbe, Mr. Garland referred to creating a "Green

Team" to beautify the campus. This may be the "UB beautification", President Ajisegbe referred to in his interview with the Compass Newsletter.

The breach between community and the university is further being implemented by the Business Department under Prof. Glenn Bassett's guidance, interim for Urban Policy at UB. Students will play a prime role in renovating the South End. Once the area is cleaner and safer

outside businesses will be attracted to reinvest in the South End. Steve Tyliszczak, a South End resident and urban pioneer, states, "The greatest resource Bridgeport has are its residents, the people." And that means it's temporary residents, as well, the students who are largely unknown to a tough urban community in need of some volunteer spirit and muscle. **S**

SCUBA: Something Old, Something New . . . *Republicans and Democrats debate tonight.*

by Melisa Cehajic

SCUBA, the Social Cerebral Society of the University of Bridgeport in America, was formed in Fall, 1992, and is sponsored by the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. "It started out as a Humanities Club, and since then it has grown into a University Club," says Prof. Lamont Thomas, one of the "founding fathers" of SCUBA. Today, SCUBA is a social and intellectual organization that usually convenes twice a month with the purpose of students and faculty enjoying each other's company and stimulating the articulation of ideas about controversial, entertaining, and timely topics.

SCUBA chooses topics relating to students and faculty and invites speak-

ers to share their experience, knowledge, and ideas with the audience. Dwain Schenck from Americares, Robert Pelton from the Barnum Museum, Mike Daly from the Connecticut Post, and Bob Smith, a Shakespeare's plays director have all been speakers for previous SCUBA meetings.

This semester, SCUBA will meet every second Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Student Center. During the first half hour students, faculty and guest speakers can socialize over homemade cakes and cookies, and then at approximately 8 p.m. a speaker takes the floor. The first official SCUBA meeting will be today and will be on the topic of the upcoming Presidential elections in America. The speakers are ...well, you'll find out when you come to the meeting. **S**

Anyone for The Himalayas?

by Iva Clarke

On September 16, the Himalayan Club invited UB students to its very first meeting which was held in the Student Center's Private Dining Room. Organized by Pradeep Paudyal, who stressed the need to promote the Himalayan culture, stu-

dents addressed issues such as a scholarship fund, "for the needy and diligent people of the region," and the possibility of organizing a Himalayan dinner in Marina Dining Hall. A trip to the Himalayas in Nepal was also discussed and will be organized for anyone who wishes to go visit or revisit the Himalayas. **S**

UB Comes Face to Face With Death

by Naya Johnson

"It was like being in a horror film," said a seventh floor resident of UB's esteemed Bodine Hall. "We see violence on the news, and read about death in the paper, but I didn't think that when I went to college death would arrive on my door step," Robert Goldberg admitted. So how does a student who fortunately has never experienced the grim life of blood, violence, and death tell their parents that they found it outside their dorm.

"Three men murdered in three hours, a 19-year-old Ansonia man was fatally shot early Thursday, dying outside a UB residence hall as dozens of shocked students looked on," the *Connecticut Post* wrote.

Campus rumours grew quickly, saying that he was shot eight times, though the *Post* reported Moses "Cricket" Wild died from a gun wound to the back of the head. There was a woman driving the car that sped off on Park Ave. with "Cricket" wounded in the back seat. They entered the University campus looking for help, and pulled up to Bodine Hall where police were called. Students looked on shocked and scared of the bloody body which was later covered with a sheet. S

Neighborhood Revisited

The safest way to restore neighborhood groups is to rely on people in the neighborhood

by Kyle B. Reeves

Last Saturday, September 21, a neighborhood development seminar regarding the South End was held in the John J. Cox Student Center. Organized by Dr. Glenn Bassett, Director of the School of Business, its purpose was to get the community involved with revitalizing Bridgeport's South End. It failed in the sense that few from the area immediately surrounding the university attended. However, by simply providing a forum for residents fed up with crime and degradation, and by gathering real movers and shakers to speak at that forum, it did succeed.

The real purpose of the meeting was money. Grants from the federal government have had some affect on areas of big cities and could be a god-send here, giving life to a city that, in years past, has been the crime capitol of New England.

President Clinton, in the 1995 Urban Policy Report, began a new policy of "empowerment" for poor communities. The policy is driven by local community development corporations, or CDCs, which community members

must form independently.

The forum consisted of Steve Tyliszczak, a professional CDC consultant, Thomas Sweeney, Bridgeport's Chief of Police, Tito Molina, of the West End CDC, Bob Halstad, a property manager for the City of Bridgeport, and Jack O'Connell, a local land developer.

"The safest way to restore neighborhood groups is to rely on people in the neighborhood. The big developers don't give a hoot about your community," said Jack O'Connell. "Neighborhood groups are the only ones who can be trusted to get things done." Also, he addressed the contribution of abandoned buildings to crime. O'Connell has felt crime's sting firsthand: his own home has been burglarized 4 times, once last week.

Mr. Molina, who's West End CDC is already working to bring new businesses into affected areas of Bridgeport, blamed the high cost of property as one of our problems. This high cost serves to drive businesses away, rather than attract them. Asked if there was a force available for skilled labor, he explained, "50% of Bridgeport's unemployed come from an industrial

background."

Chief Sweeney told us that Bridgeport has seen an 85% drop in crime rates, in some areas. But problems persist. "I've only got five more police officers on the street since 1990. On any given night, there's one officer for every

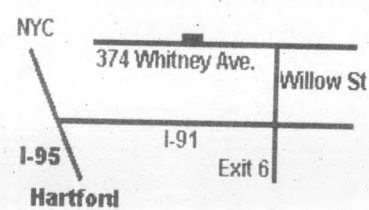
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Professor Allen to Publish 5th Book of Poetry

by Nickolai Kralev

UB 1996 "Distinguished Teacher of the Year", Prof. Dick Allen, Charles A. Dana Professor of English, finished his 5th book of poetry, which is going to be published in the spring of 1997. *Ode to the Cold War: New and Selected Poems*, as the title suggests, includes both old and recent pieces of poetry, which the author had a difficult time choosing.

Prof. Allen has written between 5000 and 6000 poems, which obviously cannot all be included in one book. "Leaving out a poem is like killing a baby," says the "father," who is one of America's leading contemporary poets and writers.

He received his A.B. in English and Creative Writing from Syracuse University, and his M.A. in English and American Literature from Brown University, where he completed all but three courses for his Ph.D. before leaving for financial reasons after the birth of his first child.

Writing has deep roots in Prof. Allen's family. His father is a writer in history and his

wife, Lori Negridge Allen, an Adjunct Lecturer in English at UB, is a science fiction writer.

While in Graduate School, Pro-

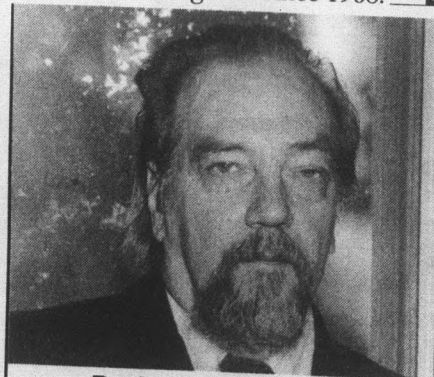
fessor Allen worked as a journalist, but he soon gave up the "short sentences" and dedicated himself to creative writing.

Since then he has received numerous awards and is regularly listed in *Who's Who in America*. He has presented lectures, panel talks, and poetry readings at colleges and universities throughout the United States. His poems, reviews and articles have appeared in the nation's leading periodicals, including *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The American Poetry Review*, *The Yale Review*, *The Chicago Review*, and many others.

Prof. Allen defines himself as a "hard, but fair" teacher with high standards. "But I

don't expect my students to become a copy of me," he says. The students themselves appreciate Prof. Allen's rare method of communication in the classroom.

UB has a unique campus, and in 10 years it will be one the best universities in the world, thinks Prof. Allen, who has been teaching here since 1968. **S**



Professor Dick Allen

Letter to Ye Feng, His Student Now in Iowa

I remember your paper on the Tao,
How your eyes shone when you got each spelling right.
One late afternoon we talked for hours
Outside your dining hall, about the Korean War.
You wore your red nylon jacket all the time
To startle Americans, I think, although you never said so.
Americans are so possessed by things, you told me.
I asked, "And why do you love your new computer?"
You were amazed when I showed you my worn copy
Of Mao's Little Red Book. You couldn't get over it.
When you were sick, you took a long ride
down to New Jersey, and an acupuncturist.
I scoffed, but he cured you. You said, "Look!"
And grinning, jumped up and down on the sidewalk.
One night you gave a party and respectfully
Listened to Bruce Springsteen as if he was classical.
You and your guests sat quietly translating,
Heads bowed, sipping your beers. I found that very funny.
At graduation, you insisted on having pictures:
Old American Professor with a Young Chinese
Student in Robes Beside Long Island Sound.
Now it has been a year. In graduate studies now,
You wear a white lab coat and study physics far away.
Physics are mountains to you. You ski down them.
You love the dawning of numbers, the beautiful flourishes.
Here, in Bridgeport, on our campus of a hundred trees,
Xi Ling, your friend, reminds me to say "Hello."

Dick Allen

Bienvenidos a UB

In addition to teaching, Prof. Skar writes on Latin America

by Lee Marrero

This year, UB's Foreign Language Department boasts a new Spanish instructor. Professor Stacey Skar is joining us from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She is teaching three classes this semester: Spanish 101, Spanish 103 and a Spanish Literature class.

Aside from her teaching responsibilities here at UB, Professor Skar is also teaching Spanish at Fairfield University.

"Nothing can compare to the incredibly diverse student body here; it is so wonderful to meet new excit-

ing people from around the world and from around the corner," was Professor Skar's comment on the students of UB.

Originally from Illinois, Professor Skar is thrilled to be able to live and work in the New York Metropolitan area. In addition to teaching, she is also currently writing her doctoral thesis, the topic: Political Torture in Chile, Argentina, and Brazil.

Professor Skar is not only an effective teacher, but a writer as well. She has published several articles about various Latin American dignitaries including Rigoberta Manchu, the Nobel Prize winner. **S**

UB Welcomes Dr. Qayyum Khan

by Lee Marrero

Although Dr. Qayyum Khan is now a new professor here at UB, it won't be hard for you to spot him. Unfortunately Dr. Khan recently had an accident and broke his hand which is at the moment in a green arm cast. However, nothing can stop Dr. Khan. As the International Business Program Head of the NEC (New England Center for International and Regional Studies,) he plans on being very busy this Fall, although he promises it won't conflict with his class schedule, which

includes two MBA classes and one undergraduate course.

A very accomplished author, Dr. Khan has written and co-written countless articles, paper reviews, and conference reports. Many of his publications have an emphasis on Financial Education. Dr. Khan also singularly authored a book entitled *Carolina Furniture Company: An Illustrative Case in Foreign Exchange Hedging*.

Dr. Khan left the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to join us. At UNC he was Assistant Professor of Finance, however he has also been a

part of the faculty at Georgia State University and West Georgia College. When asked what he thought of our student body, Dr. Khan replied "I think it's excellent that I will be teaching a class of world students. It should be more interesting and exciting." Dr. Khan also spoke on UB as a whole saying "UB made a conscious realistic choice to be an international university and it will pay off." Optimistic, and friendly, Dr. Khan is a welcome addition to the UB family. **S**

Three New Interns At The Academic Resource Center

by Surovi Abeyaratne

Lisa Goldschmidt

Lisa has completed a double degree in German and Linguistics at Ohio State University. She has tutored undergraduate students preparing for Teachers assistantships, and has taught English at a Technical College in Korea for one year. She plans to do her



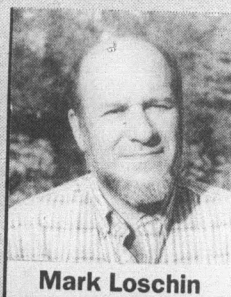
Lisa Goldschmidt

Masters in Education and is doing an internship at UB to complete her certification in Teaching -her "first love." Lisa hopes to do a research project on the way kids learn language, in the distant future. She grew up in Ohio and Montana, and her interests include painting and sailing. She would be very pleased to offer her assistance to all having difficulty with their studies.

Mark Loschin

Mark Loschin has received his Bachelor's degree in Social Studies and has a Minor in both Psychology and Sociology. He has also received a certification in Computer Programming at the State University of New York at Farmingdale. He enjoys teaching Social Studies and Science but can teach from a wide range of other subjects as well. His

interests range from Astronomy and Art to Traveling and Backpacking. He is doing an internship at



Mark Loschin

UB to complete his certification in Middle School and High School Education. Mark is the gentleman in the Social Science C 201 class who enthusiastically recommends that the students attend the Social Science Workshop.

Joe Lombard

Joe Lombard is 24 years old and has returned to Bridgeport after 10 years to do a Master's degree in Middle School Education. He received his Bachelors degree in Psychology at the University of Florida and taught eighth grade for two years as a corps member in "Teach for America." His interests include watching TV and eating. He enjoys working with the diverse student population at UB and is looking forward to working with more students at the ARC. **S**



Joe Lombard

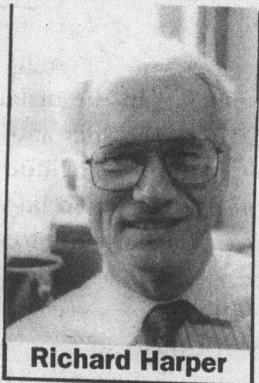
Education of the Future?

The Education Saga

by Monalisa Basu

The summer months have been a busy time for the School of Education and Human Resources at the University of Bridgeport. Essentially, the Teacher Certification Programs were up for review by the Department of Education of the State of Connecticut. The Teacher Certification Programs need to fulfill certain requirements for the State Department of Education in order for the students to be certified in Connecticut.

These programs have been on probationary status for the last 9 years, with reviews being conducted every 2 years. The 1993 review resulted in a change from probational to provisional status. The University authorities looked upon this change



Richard Harper

as an improvement in its programs. However, such was not the case. The review committee expressed certain reservations with regard to the Teacher Certification Programs. This

culminated in a final notification to the University on May 17, 1996 by the Department of Education that if certain standards were not met by the School, students in these programs would not be allowed to sit in Connecticut for Certification. This action, the review committee specified, would be taken on June 5. The University authorities immediately filed a request for an extension in order to have an opportunity to respond to the demands of the State. The State in turn granted that the School hire a consultant and prepare a report by August 9, which would be reviewed by the Board on September 4, 1996.

The major concerns of the Board of Education were threefold: the Teacher Certification Programs of the School of Education lacks focus consistent with the University; there are too many fragmented programs, many of which are underenrolled, thus resulting in a loss of valuable resources which could be allocated more effi-



James Hamilton

ciently; the faculty and interns need to have greater involvement and show greater visibility with the local schools.

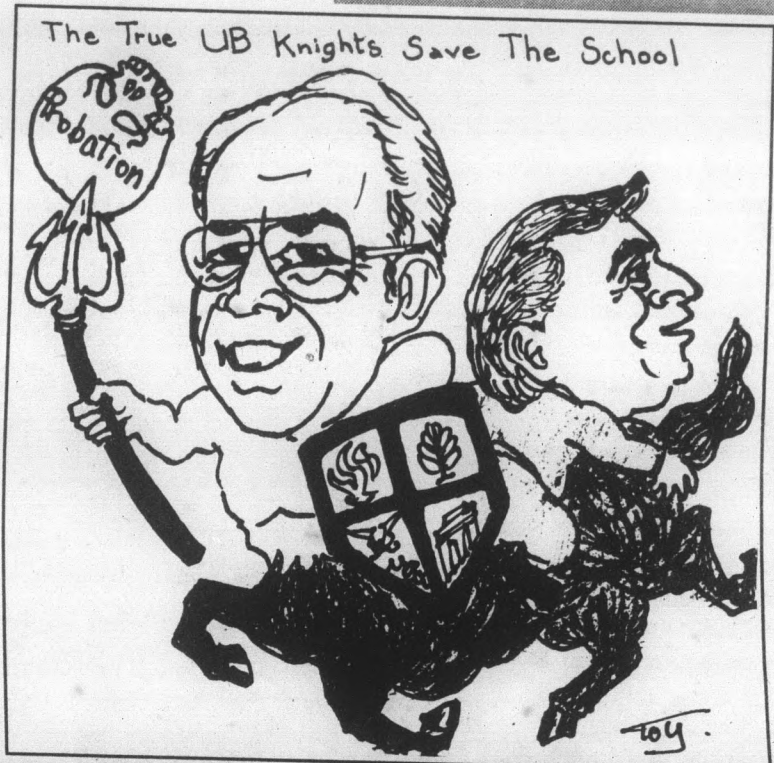
There were also a few other concerns relating to the lack of resources in the School inconsistent with the demand, given the large population of the School.

The top administrators of the University, President Rubenstein, Provost Grant, and Dean Guerra, expressed their commitment to these programs which include a huge per-

centage of the present UB population. In an effort to meet the above demands of the Board of Education, the University fundamentally clarified the mission of the School of Education. In keeping with the urban location of the University a mission was carved out for the school with a focus on urban education. Dean Guerra remarked "The reality is that the majority of jobs are in the urban schools. Thus, it is to the advantage of our students that we give them an edge in the field [in which] they are most likely to get jobs." Further, a more hands-on approach has been identified on the part of the faculty and students.

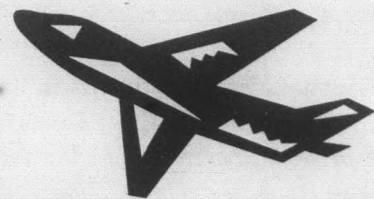
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UB Briefs

UB Succeeds in New Promising Articulation Agreements

by Constant van Winden
& Syed Tirmizi

After the reaccreditation of UB's business school, the 7 new articulation agreements have become a major opportunity for growth. An articulation agreement is a contract between a 2-year college (community college) and a 4-year university. This contract states that a student who graduates from a community college can transfer all of his/her credits to a 4-year university. This agreement will benefit not only the students, but also the institutions involved. On the one hand, the community college will attract more students because it will be able to offer a complete 4-year degree program in affilia-

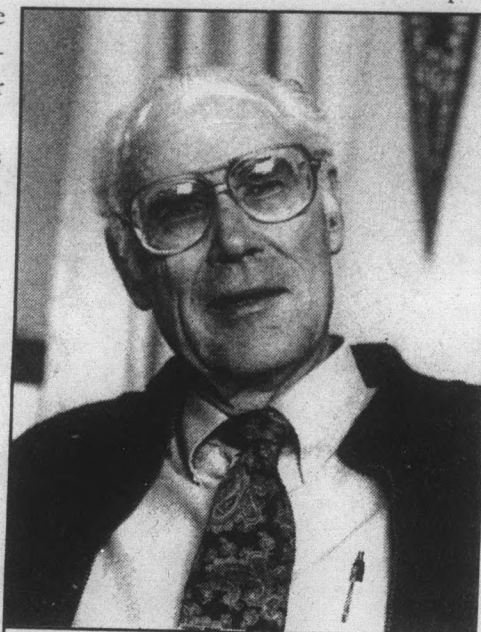
tion with a university, and on the other hand, the affiliated university will be able to receive more undergraduate students annually.

In its history UB has made many such contracts. The business school in particular is prominent because of its accredited MBA program. This is one

nity colleges to its articulation agreement. Thus raising the total number of institutions in contract to 14 this year from 1991. One of the reasons of this success is also the lack of competition. According to Dr. Bassett, Director of UB's Business School, many 4-year institutes hold their noses up to community colleges.

The 7 new community colleges, which were contracted with UB in 1996 are: Honsatonic, Asnuntuck, Broome, Rhode Island, Mount Wachusett, Orange County, Schenectady County and Ulster County. The most important one from all of these is the Community college of Road Island, which has a strength of more than 17,000 students.

Dr. Bassett says that he is hopeful to receive 5 to 10 more students every year. He also claims that UB is back on track, making recognizable progress towards its growth.



Dr. Glenn Bassett

The University is back on track, making progress towards its growth, says Dr. Bassett

of the reasons that UB has succeeded in bringing in of seven more commu-

Back on Taxes

The second part of a two series article, continued from the Orientation Issue of The Scribe

by Justin Harding

Grace Sasaki in the Department of Finances at U.B. has compiled a guideline for all U.B. students entitled "To: All New and Returning International Students with Scholarships from the University of Bridgeport for Fall 1996." This four page guideline is very important to help students to understand their tax exemption status on their room and board portion of their scholarships.

There are three categories of students. The first is students whose nations have signed a Tax Treaty with the United States; Austria, Belgium, China-People's Republic, the C.I.S. and Georgia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan), Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Japan, Korea - Republic of, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Trinidad, Tobago, and Tunisia.

The students on scholarship from these nations can become 100% exempt - meaning they will not have to pay a tax of over \$300 on your room and board per semester - If they fill out the correct form. This form is called form 1001 and must be turned into the Bursar's office.

The second, students from India,

are in a special category. They need to file a W-4 form. This should effectively exempt them from the Tax and stop the charge at the end of the semester. All other International Scholarships students, the third and last category, are subject to U.S. Income Tax Withholding. And in simple English, this means paying a bill at the end of the semester. However, students in this category, not having a Tax Treaty with the U.S., can also fill out the W-4 form and reduce the "bill" from \$476.70 to \$357.70. A reduction of nearly \$120 per semester, and folks, that's a lot of ramen, nearly 30 matinees, and anything else you can think of.

Dawn Valenti wanted to stress, "If you do not file form 1001 or form W-4 you will be charged the full withholding (\$476.70 per semester) on your room and board." She continued to explain, "All international students in F and J status must file a tax return form by April 15 of each year even when there is no income or when there is a Tax Treaty benefit."

The form 1001, W-4, and the Tax Exemption Guidelines can be picked up in the Bursar's office during office hours after Monday, October 7. These provisions do not apply to PWPA Study Grants. However, AEL, Music, and UB Athletic Scholarships are subject to tax. The forms must be turned in no later than October 31 to John Polascik.

\$4.6 Million for AEL Scholarships

by Nickolai Kralew

"The Academic Excellence and Leadership Scholarship students should be the leaders on campus," said Associate Dean of Admissions Barbara Maryak at the first AELS meeting.

The most prestigious award of the University of Bridgeport was granted to 35 students this year, 20 of them are men. They come from the US, Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and South America. Their average TOEFL score is 604 and the average GPA is 3.8. They speak 3-4 languages and are winners of Math, Physics, Biology, Computer, and English language contests.

In their spare time the "highly academic" AELS students play different musical instruments, various kinds of sports, dance, draw, write prose and poetry.

Those who wrote references for the students described them as obedient, punctual, sociable, honest, responsible, hard working, courageous, exemplary, independent, ambitious.

"You have lived through coups and tragic wars. Many of you have lived under constant fear, several have seen friends and relatives die," says Ms Maryak in the AEL Profile, and adds, "You have emotional control, good manners, and leadership qualities. You take the initiative—you are intellectually curious, you are pioneers, adventurers—you are experimental."

Editorial

Safety: A Matter of Perception

by Ashok Regmi

One robbery, four burglaries and six car thefts on campus in 1995

At approximately 1:00 A.M., September 19, a car stopped near Bodine Hall with a wounded man in the car. Was this incident somehow connected to the University? Capt. James M. Mooney, Director of Campus Security, says, "No". It had, in no way, endangered any campus students for the murder did not occur anywhere near campus. Even though it had nothing to do with the University, the maximum possibilities of threat to our lives in the neighborhood areas still remains. For weeks already, I have not taken the word 'security' seriously. From now on, I am alert.

No one wants to think that bad things can happen to him. The 1995 Uniform Campus Crime Report shows that only one case of robbery, four cases of burglary and six cases of motor vehicle theft occurred in the campus. These statistics show that UB campus has an excellent security system but in spite of it, undesirable events can still happen to anybody. In this case, what plays an important role, is the alertness and vigilance of students, themselves.

We should be responsible for our safety as much as the Campus Security Officers are. UB students come from different parts of the world as well as the US might find the concept of beepers, escorts and 4911 very irrelevant and unusual. Still they have to put up with them.

Capt. Mooney observes the need for the students to adhere to certain basic guidelines. He suggests to carry our beepers in our hands, not to go along Park Avenue at night, and to ask for an escort from the Campus Security without any hesitation. If students follow these simple principles, life at UB would be as safe as they want it to be.

The September 19 incident happened not because UB campus is a dangerous place, it happened because the campus is a safe place to ask for help. Therefore, this incident should, in no way, be considered as a criterion for judgment of campus security. Nobody can predict what might happen tomorrow.



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Where am I?

by Lee Marrero

The University of Bridgeport isn't what it used to be. The days of mass student involvement and spirit have slowly been fading away. You have all heard the fantastic stories about the Halloween masquerades, midnight beach parties, and of course the exciting victories the Purple Knights achieved with the help of supportive schoolmates.

Those supportive schoolmates are now in short supply as is a supportive administration. Many people including myself are still in disbelief over the fact that last year UB claimed it could no longer afford to fund athletics and then turned around this year announcing the opening of an international correspondence center! Last year also saw the cutting of our Physical Ed. Classes and instructors. Isn't physical development as important as mental when creating the whole person?

Another concern held among many students has to do with UB's primary income source, the PWPA. A known affiliate of Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, the PWPA supplies UB with both funds for scholarships and bad publicity. Students, for the most part know nothing about the relationship between the Academy and UB prior to matriculation, and usually only to hear of it via misconceptions held by students already at UB.

The University is in a state of transition. But transition into what? Perhaps a place where international students will never experience traditional social activities that they travel across the world to enjoy.

It well may be that the days of seeing Marina full are over, at least full of people who know what the University of Bridgeport is really all about. **S**

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This is UB

by Johanna J. Hose

I am willing to bet that there is no other campus in the world where we are given the opportunity to broaden our minds as much as at UB. I find the international and multi-cultural aspect of UB to be not only a great source of pride but also a means of creating a global consciousness. UB is an international university of the future where people from all backgrounds are bridging the gaps between cultures through understanding and respect here at "Bridge"port.

Yes, we had some trouble in the past, the school nearly closed, but we got bailed out by PWPA without which there would be no UB today. I find a need to address an issue which, although previously clarified, still seems to be held in doubt in some cloudy minds on campus.

Perhaps it is the fear of the unknown of the uneducated, or a sick need or desire to brand as "evil" a specific group of people that leads us to burn Salem "Witches," or massacre millions of Jews, or suspiciously resent the donation of over 110 million from PWPA. It is not uncommon for individuals or various organizations, religious as well as non-religious,

to donate monetary aid to universities. Quite often, out of gratitude, the university might name some building after the donor or organization.

The fact that the Unification Church is connected to PWPA and that PWPA is supporting UB is not a secret, nor is it something that will ever effect the student personally. (Unless, of course, PWPA is directly supporting the student financially.)

The UB Catalog clearly states: "The University of Bridgeport is a private, non-sectarian, comprehensive university." For those who are still having trouble, Webster's Collegiate Dictionary may serve to illuminate: *nonsectarian adj: not having a sectarian character, not affiliated with or restricted to a particular religious group.*

Yes, there are members of the Unification Church on campus, but there are also Buddhists, Catholics, Muslims, Jews, Protestants, Confucianists, Hindus, Taoists, and many other religious beliefs represented on campus. I would hope we are enlightened enough to want to create these bridges of respect and understanding among people and not regurgitate misconceptions of the media. **S**

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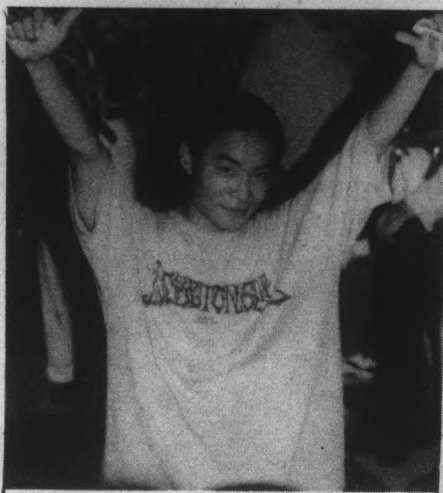
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Campus Life

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A rigid competition surprised UB students at a Welcome Back Party



The winner: Kenichi Ebina

by Johanne M. Torres

The Student Congress, along with the Caribbean Club, organized a welcome back party which was held at the Social Room of the Student Center last Friday, 13. The party, sponsored by the Student Congress, was free of charge for students with UB IDs. During the night a dance competition was set, having a winning prize of fifty dollars in cash.

A variety of students gathered in the Social Room and had a great time dancing to the DJ's music and meeting new friends. Many enjoyed the party but others complained that the

DJ was playing the same kind of music all night.

The dance competition was very



We're doing the Macarena again

rigid. By the end of the night, two students were working on the steps and sweating off for the cash. An American Gymnast and a Japanese student were the finalists of the competition. Kenichi Ebina, from Japan, left the party with \$50, just for being a great dancer.



Hmmm...

Coffee House Marks Fourth Anniversary

by Johanne M. Torres

The first Coffee House night of the Fall Semester was held at the Student Center last Saturday 14th, and marked the fourth anniversary of being part of the social life at UB. Students started arriving at nine, and by eleven the small comfy room was packed. Everybody seemed to have a really good time. During the night many of the new students teamed up with the old Coffee House "gang" to dance to the rhythm of "Macarena" while others talked to close friends. Even though no coffee was served, those who came enjoyed good dance music and certainly had something better to do than studying which is out of the question on a Saturday night. The Coffee House opens every other Saturday evening at nine in room 100-D of the Student Center. Come and enjoy the experience, I'll see you there!

Commuter Coffee for Everyone

The Commuter's Student Association wants to make a real home

by Dalia Hernandez

The Commuter Student Association had a commuter coffee table for all students on-campus on September 16. The table was set from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center. Susumu Kotegawa, President of the Japanese Association and Director of the CSA, put a lot of work into this program to make it happen. He expressed, "As a commuter myself, with this project I want to make the students come closer to each other. We, commuters are also part of the University of Bridgeport," he said.

The main purpose and goal of the CSA is to bring all students together and make them feel that UB is not the

only a place to get an education, from but also that UB is a home. A place where you can, have a nice time and become a part of its life.

The CSA has different projects. Its members are working hard to set up a permanent room in the Student Center where everybody can go and have a cup of coffee, read, study, or just have a break after all the commuting done during the day from class to class. They would like to create a room in which they can feel at home.

The association wants to put together a big bulletin board, where all kind of events and activities can be announced to all students, especially those who live off campus.

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Every effort is made to announce class cancellations at the beginning of the day by 6:00 a.m. and evening class cancellations by 1:00 p.m.

Great Adventure at Six Flags

by Surovi Abeyratne

Seventy-five students left UB at 8:15 a.m. on September 14, to arrive at Six Flags. The visit was organized by the International Relations Club and the majority of the students who went were international students and Freshmen. It was an event many had looked forward to for a long time.

Six Flags comprises of a Theme Park and a Drive through Wild Safari Park. However, most students opted to visit the Theme Park. Six Flags is divided into several Theme areas like Movie Town, Adventure rivers and Fantasy Forest. The rides and shops in these areas are named appropriately. Batman, the Ride in Movie Town and The Great American Scream machine in Boardwalk deserve special attention. Attempts were made by UB students to win soft toys and other gift items at the games of skill located on the Boardwalk. Few were successful.

The group left Six Flags at approximately 7:45pm. Originally, they were to leave at 7:00pm but were delayed by two irresponsible students who had taken the train back to UB without bothering to inform Bob Jacobs who was in charge of the event. Everyone sang throughout the journey back. It was a successful trip and an enjoyable day.

Art Students Finally get together!

by Susumu Kotegawa

"We have been waiting for this meeting for a long time!" said the new President of the Student Art Association, Denise G. Monteiro. Around twenty art majors gathered, on Wednesday, September 18 at the Carlson Art Gallery, to have their first meeting.

According to Denise, the main purpose of this organization is for Art Students to help each other. For example they will help art students with their portfolios and support with specific school activities that need spe-

cial art skills. But they are more welcome to have any members not only art student but also anyone who are interested in Art. They are also planning to organize an art performance, and field trips to art shows or museums this semester.

This organization is very good for students who are majoring in art to share their information, but also offer other students a good opportunity to appreciate the arts.

They have meetings every other Wednesday in the Carlson Art Gallery. Prof. Kaz Mcue is the advisor of the SAA.

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To Kill a Mockingbird

UB students take a peek at the dress rehearsal

by Johanna J. Hose

About 50 UB students gathered in the Mertens Theatre of the Arnold Bernhard Center last Sunday to watch a group of actors from Dandelion Productions perform "To Kill a Mockingbird."

One of 14 other acting groups which are part of The National Theatre of the Performing Arts, they will be traveling all over the United States performing every week day until they return to New York in December.

The tour started this Monday and UB students were the first to sneak a peek at

the dress rehearsal the day before.

Elizabeth Carmichael, the Managing Director, said that this group would be doing over 60 performances, and that the others were doing performances such as Romeo and Juliet, Don Quixote, and many more.

"UB has a great theatre," said Steve Rapport, President of The National Theatre of the Performing Arts, who has been using our theatre for the past four to five years.

"Although the acting was lacking, it was good to see a play being staged on campus, and I hope to see more in the future," said UB student Anuj Shroff.

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Security, from page 3

given night, there is one officer for every 15 miles." Sweeney also explained that the "perception of crime" is a contributing factor to Bridgeport's downfall. "70% of the drugs are bought by people from out of town." No surprise, but most don't end up on Bodine's front steps.

"What do we want for our neighborhoods? Everybody wants to do a study...so many studies but, they never get implemented!" said Steve Tyliczchak. He blamed the bureaucracy of various government agencies, calling community development "a fluid process" which needs help here, now, not months down the line.

Jim Garland, UB's Director of Administration asked, "What can students do?" One suggested putting our Industrial Design school to work, designing city parks, even new structures badly needed in the South End. Students from UB in the audience were quick to pledge assistance for any work in the future.

Professor Todd, from UB's School of business, challenged those gathered to complete the work in one year or less. The general consensus was that it could be done.

As students, we are just now realizing that crime from the surrounding area can affect us. We do have an obligation to this community, even if we can retreat to the safety of our dorms. S

College Music Journal

by Bob Jacobs

Every year in September the College Music Journal (CMJ) throws its annual convention, and it's usually a blast. But this year it turned into a joke. The convention used to be a proving ground for all sorts of new unsigned bands, but this time it turned into a place that major labels showcase bands that can't draw, and no one cares about. To add to this, the people attending this convention were probably the snobiest I've ever seen in one place. Every one acted as if they were

too important to be there. I did run into a couple guys from the New York City band GAS, who were very cool. They confirmed my thoughts of the convention. They also explained to me that the conventions in LA (Foundations Forum) and Texas (South by Southwest) were a lot cooler. CMJ has to come back to its old format if it wants to recapture the atmosphere it once had. It should also get involved with people who can loosen their ties and smile once in a while. Next year, I won't waste my time.

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Music 101

Sept. 28	Tuxedo Junction: Color Me Bad
Sept. 29	Toad's Place: Bob Mould
Sept. 30	Toad's Place: Poe
Oct. 1	Toad's Place: Porno for Pyro's (Sold Out)
Oct. 2	The Meadow's Music Theater: Pearl Jam (Sold Out)
Oct. 17	Toad's Place: Butt Hole Surfers
Oct. 18	Toad's Place: Joan Jet & The Black Hearts
Oct. 24	Tuxedo Junction: The Lemonheads
Oct. 28	The Oakdale Theater: The Black Crows
Nov. 16	Roseland (Manhattan): Sound Garden (Sold Out)



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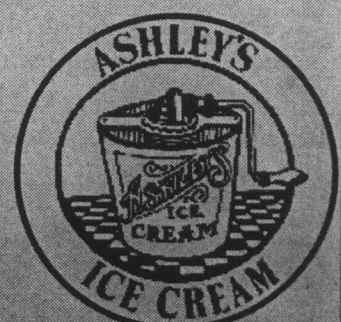
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Miscellaneous

Education, from page 5

have characterized these programs. Two new faculty members have been added. Moreover, the University has expressed its commitment of hiring a new faculty member every year for the next four years. Substantial changes have also been made with regard to the curriculum of the School. A middle school curriculum has been newly identified. New books have been added to the library and the library budget for the School of Education has been tripled. New computer resources have been added. An important change which has emerged from the ongoing negotiations with the Board of Education is that the School will no longer offer Teacher Certification at the undergraduate level. Only graduate students will be certified. However, Provost Grant has assured that this change will not affect presently enrolled students. A significant change in the administration consists of a change in the directorship of the School. Dr. Richard Harper, who had served as Director of the School of Education, has been appointed Associate Director of the School of Education and Human Resources, and Dr. Hamilton who had been the head of Doctoral Program, has been appointed the Interim Director of the School. When Dr. Harper was approached for his insights on what has been going on, he stated that, "the people who have been working in this department have been doing an excel-

lent job [faculty, clerical people, student workers.] Because they've worked hard, our students have been satisfied." He also mentioned that the "budget for the school had been tight". In fact, he pointed out that after 1992, the student body had grown rapidly, with the faculty size remaining the same. However, he feels, most of the concerns of the State have been met over the summer. His present position will allow him to concentrate on the Teacher Certification Programs. Thus he feels "optimistic about improving the program." Dr. Hamilton, the Interim Director spelled out his goal for the School of Education "to again become one of the pre-eminent educational units in New England which we were in the past." The University will soon start a formal nationwide search for a permanent director for the School with specific expertise on urban focus.

On September 4, 1996 the review committee of the State Department of Education reviewed the changes and recommended a continued probationary status for one more year in spite of the accredited status of the University. The next review will be held in April. Provost Grant assured that "we are very serious about improving the quality and focus of the Teacher Preparation Programs and are committed to removing the probation status of these programs. These are important programs for the University and we have to recognize their importance." S

Internet, from page 1

by e-mail. If you stay in Barnum Hall, you access UB Net at x4190 as usual.

Hopefully the situation will be getting better now that Anand has an assistant, Abdelshakour Abuzneid, who is a graduate student studying Computer Science. He finished college in Jordan and came to UB. "Anand was very busy and had to take care of all the computers in UB. He couldn't do so much by himself, so students complain," said Abdel who is willing help you with

your computer problems.

The Netscape version has been upgraded from 1.1 to 2.0, which was very old and could not show many web pages. Anand is going to upgrade the version to 3.0, the latest one. In addition, the computers in one of the PC lab will be connected to the Internet soon.

The administration does not give enough money for the computers. "They don't understand how important... [it is] ...to spend money for computers," said Anand. Furthermore, some students stole equipment from

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the computers even after he fixed the broken ones. When equipment is stolen, more money is needed to fix them.

Anand has wanted to connect every UB building to be Internet since he started working in UB. He knows that students need more computers.

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Thank you for all the kindness, warmth and love shown to me and my family when my mother Elizebeth Mooney passed away recently. Your support has once again made me proud to be a part of this community that we call U.B.
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Lady Knights Storm to a 4:1 Win

by Nikola Dimitrov

The Lady Knights chalked up a second victory for the season by defeating the University of Stony Brook with 4:1. Our girls outclassed their opponents both in skills and fitness. Jen King scored in the middle of the



Good save, Jessica!

first half, and this considerably cooled her team down. Then it was Jen Svelnys's and Lori Tyler's turn to shoot Stony Brook's keeper through (51 and 82 minute respectively). And four minutes before the end, Jen King with a second goal brought the game to an end.

The Lady Knights tend to substantially improve their play with every other game, which is due to their immense motivation. In addition, the team has several excellent performers, who by themselves can decide any game's outcome. However there is much room for improvement as far as passing and general "understanding" between players are concerned.

The poor attendance at the Saturday game is something to complain about. The Lady Knights would feel much more comfortable if there were UB fans at the field. Their efforts deserve our support.



Back row, from left to right: Chico, Santa Puce, Jennifer King, Jessica Lujick, Lori Tyler, Claudy-Ann Keasberry, Jena Steinle, Joe Barroso. Front row, from left to right: Jen Svelnys, Laureen O'Brien, Erin Edwardson, Medina Gibson, Melisa Glen, Amanda Wright.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
September		
25	Southern Connecticut	7:00 PM
October		
2	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HEAVEN	3:30 PM
10	Teikyo Post University	3:30 PM
12	KEENE STATE COLLEGE	11:00 AM
19	UMASS LOWELL	11:00 AM
23	Sacred Heart University	3:30 PM
26	University at Albany	11:00 AM
November		
2	New Hampshire College	12:00 Noon

Score Board

Date	Opposing Teams	Result
Sept. 9	at Concordia College	W, 4-3
Sept. 11	at Elms College	W, 2-0
Sept. 14	FRANKLIN PIERCE COLLEGE	L, 0-6
Sept. 16	TEIKYO POST UNIVERSITY	W, 3-1
Sept. 21	BARD COLLEGE	W, 4-1

Cross Country is Up and Running

by John Margiotta

The University of Bridgeport's cross country team has begun running through the woods again this semester. The team ran on Saturday, September 21st in Poughkipsie, New York at Vasser College.

The 5 mile course which consisted of rocks, roots, ponds, and two significant hills was not an easy course. Sophomore Bob Lipolla, who also pitches on the baseball team was first to finish for Bridgeport recording a time of 35 minutes.

Since UB does not recruit for cross country, there are no official

runners. So the team consists of baseball players who are coached by Victor Baptista who is also the Assistant Baseball Coach. Erol Francoi who is also a member of the team, is on an academic scholarship, and comes from Miami. The rest of the team consists of Captains John Margiotta and Raul Gatchalan, and Joel Rodriguez, and Ed Yuros.

The Purple Knights will go on the road again, October 5th in Waterbury, Connecticut at Hop Brook Dam. The team is looking for a few more runners, come support our University.



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Sports

University of Bridgeport-University at Stony Brook 2:0

Stony Brook Gets Away With Two

by Nikola Dimitrov

The Purple Knights stepped on Seaside Park to achieve their first conference game victory over the University at Stony Brook. After last Saturday's bitter defeat by Franklin Pierce College, the UB players knew they had to win at all costs now in order not to bury their chances for the play-offs. Bearing this in mind, the Purple Knights seized control of the game from the very beginning and throughout the entire first half put their opponents under strong pressure. The latter, finding themselves tightly caught up were only too pleased to watch the Knights missing chance after chance. It was five minutes before halftime that Stony Brook made their first shot on target.

During the second half, UB's dominance grew even more apparent. Two minutes after the break, Akintunde Akinsanya

took two defenders and scored brilliantly, crushing the visitors' hopes for a draw. Twenty minutes later, with a precise 20-yard shot, Juan Jaramillo sent the ball into the net to make UB's victory unquestionable.

The team's performance gives grounds for optimism. "A very productive season is ahead" says coach Nick Booth, "we are gonna hammer teams this year."

Although most of UB's players have been together for only two

weeks, the team is well-organized, with a better personnel than last year, and undoubtedly, with much higher ambitions. But a disappointment for the

Purple Knights' was the Tuesday game vs. the national champions from Southern Connecticut.



Back row, left to right: Nick Booth, Simon Kaye, Juan Jaramillo, Magnus Nilerud, Walter Carmona, John Langer, Andre Thomas, Akintunde Akinsanya, Ozier Hastings, Chico. Front row, left to right: Naoto Nakahra, Faizal Rushdi, Johan Oberg, Takayuki Higa, Ian Banner, Darcy Argueta, Fredy Duque,

MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
September		
28	MERCY COLLEGE	1:00 PM
October		
2	University of New Heaven	3:30 PM
5	Teikyo Post University	3:30 PM
12	KEENE STATE COLLEGE	1:00 PM
19	UMASS LOWELL	1:00 PM
23	SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY	3:00 PM
26	University at Albany	1:00 PM
29	SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE	3:00 PM
November		
2	New Hampshire College	2:00 PM

Score Board

Date	Opposing Team	Result
Sept. 14	FRANKLIN PIERCE COLLEGE	L, 1-2 (OT)
Sept. 21	UNIVERSITY AT STONY BROOK	W, 2-0
Sept. 24	at Southern Connecticut	L, 0-5

Baseball is Up to Bat

by John Margiotta

The University of Bridgeport Men's Baseball season is underway as the Purple Knights have practiced for two straight weeks. The Fall season is the time for new players to gel with the veterans.

The UB Knights have won over 20 games in their last two seasons, and show great promise for the future. Head Coach Dennis Whalen has been there through it all. In his 9th season as head coach Dennis has seen the flat road and the rocky road. Through it all he stays positive, trying to bring a powerhouse to the Division II level.

Assistant Coach Chuck Simone is going into his 7th season and has coached with Whalen through thick and thin. The newest member of the coaching staff is a Bridgeport native Victor Baptista, who is also a school teacher at Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport.

The Purple Knights team are led by captains centerfielder John Margiotta, a Senior, first basemen Raul Gachakin, and shortstop Vinny Arjune returning from an off season who are both Juniors. Infielder/pitcher Brian Bartholomew and rightfielder Doug Bogavich, also Juniors, bring their veteran leadership to the team. Junior

infielder Mondre Credle and Sophomore Ed Yuros bring excellent contributions to the ballclub. The newcomers to the team include Junior College transfers Junior secondbaseman Roy Sanchez. Leftfielder Jeol Rodriguez, and centerfielder Julio Romero, are both Sophomores from Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport. Another transfer from Marist College in New York is Bob Lipolla, a Junior who brings potential to the pitching staff. Freshman Warren Miedreich who

plays anywhere in the infield will contribute as well. One other freshman, a pitcher Rob Sweiter, has not yet been cleared to play, therefore, he may or may not be eligible to play. One other noteworthy player is Mike Billica, a Junior, who may miss the entire season due to shoulder surgery.

Bridgeport has a six game schedule set for the fall season. Come out and support the Purple Knights, even if it's cold on the field. The Purple Knights bring new life to the new season.

Basketball Players Can't Make The Grade

by Daniel Chin

UB has always had an excellent men's basketball program. Competing in Division II of the NCAA, the Purple Knights have gone all the way to the Final Four in the past few years. And of course, it's widely known that Manut Bol attended the University of Bridgeport before playing in the NBA. However, the program has been in decline over the past few years due to financial problems faced by the University. In the 93-94 season, they were 20-10. In the 94-95 season, they went down to 17-11 and lost in the first round of the playoffs. In 95-96, they finished with a disappointing 9-17 record.

Between the last season and this one, there has been controversy over the academic standards of some of the players. According to Coach Bruce Webster, a player needs a GPA of at least 1.6 (C-) as a freshman to play on the team. To receive a full basketball scholarship, a GPA of 2.0, and 24 credits per year is needed. Four players were on the full basketball scholarship program, but, they could not

meet the requirements and subsequently could not play this season. In fact, all four flunked out of school.

The impact on the team is very significant. Last year, the four were put on academic probation during the season, and that resulted in the 9-17 record suffered by the Knights. This year, the talent of these players will be replaced by inexperienced newcomers to the team who do not come in with the "full caliber" talent of their predecessors. This comes as a big turnaround from the Final Four team of '92. The one area that is immediately lacking is the height of the team. The players who left averaged 6' 5" in height. The problem with recruiting new players is the uncertainty of whether the program will continue, or be dropped. Another is the quality of the basketball program. What the University can offer is a winning tradition, and promise of continuing to improve as time passes.

Even with all the adversity, we are behind the team, and we'll be cheering on in the stands of the Hubbell Gymnasium.